Central plan assistance

2333. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modify the existing formula of Central Plan assistance to States;

(b) If so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the matter has been discussed with the various State Governments;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the revised formula is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) Since the States have sought a revision of the Gadgil Formula for allocation of Normal Central Assistance to States, Planning Commission has sought their views and suggestions have been received from various State Governments. However, there is wide divergence in the views amongst the States in this regard. In general, white the advanced States have sought higher weightage for performance, the less advanced States have sought higher weightage for backwardness. Hence, the full Planning Commission in its meeting held on 27th and 29th June, 2001 discussed, *inter-alia,* the issue of revision of Gadgil Formula and in view of the divergence of the views among the State Governments and the sensitivity of the issue, It was decided it would be necessary to discuss this further and evolve a consensus before alternatives are considered by the NDC.

Assistance for repair of damaged roads

2334. PROF M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has requested for any help in repairing the roads damaged due to heavy floods and rain since January, 2002;